Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 19 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 20 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 18 Feb 2021 at 16:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Friday 19 Feb 2021: Outbreaks of rain and snow. Severe gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 19 Feb 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	20%	50%	70%	40%	70%	50%	50%

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Weather: Mainly dry during the early hours. Rain and snow developing by dawn, becoming heavy at times during daylight hours, although a few drier spells still expected. Snow initially above 600m with blizzard conditions possible, but it will turn to rain at all levels in the afternoon. Gales or severe gales with buffeting and a severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 30%, extensive cloud base 600 to 900m, best chance early in the day through Assynt and up to Ben Hope.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and very poor at height, whiteout conditions possible at first. Occasionally good low down.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	29/36 SW	32/40 S	41/52 SE	51/64 S	53/66 S	44/56 S	41/53 S	36/47 S	31/42 S
900	28/35 SW	30/38 S	37/47 SE	45/58 S	48/61 S	40/52 S	38/50 S	34/44 S	30/40 S
600	18/26 SW	20/29 S	26/36 SE	30/44 S	31/46 S	27/40 S	26/38 S	22/33 S	20/31 S
300	7/25 SW	6/26 S	6/33 SE	10/43 S	12/44 S	11/38 S	10/37 S	9/33 S	9/30 S
Glen	8/20 SW	10/25 S	14/32 SE	20/44 S	21/43 S	17/37 S	16/35 S	13/30 S	12/27 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-9	-2/-11	-3/-12	-2/-12	-0/-10	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6
900	-1/-8	-2/-10	-2/-11	-1/-11	0/-9	2/-5	3/-4	3/-4	2/-5
600	2/-4	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	3/-4	5/-1	5/-0	5/-0	4/-1
300	3/1	3/0	3/0	4/0	5/2	7/4	7/4	7/4	6/4
Glen	6/3	5/2	5/1	6/1	8/4	9/6	10/6	9/6	9/6
Freezing Level*	800m	600m	700m	800m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1300m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing further to add.

Forecast for Saturday 20 Feb 2021
Weather: Mostly cloudy overnight and during the morning with occasional rain and drizzle, although mainly dry with brighter skies north of Ben Wyvis. The rain turning heavy and persistent through the afternoon and into the evening. Winds also strengthening with gales or severe gales, buffeting and wind chill.

Maximum wind: South 30 to 40mph gusting 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%, extensive cloud, base around 600 to 900m, best chance north of Ben Wyvis during the morning.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and drizzle and very poor at height. Good or very good at times lower down.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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